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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE -
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. AFTER THREE ABORTIVE ATTEMPTS TO ORGANIZE AND EIGHT DAYS OF INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TODAY ELECTED P. LUSAKA (ZAMBIAN MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT) AS CHAIRMAN.

2. AS RESULT VENEZUELAN SUPPORT OF ZAMBIA, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR USDEL TO ASSURE MAJORITY VOTE FOR PHILIPPINE CANDIDACY. IT APPEARS THAT AT THIRD PRECOM AFRICANS WERE PROMISED CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP IN RETURN FOR FOREGOING ONE OF CONFERENCE VICE PRESIDENCIES. IN COURSE DISCUSSIONS LUSAKA ASSURED USDEL THAT NO POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS OTHER THAN THEIR ENTITLEMENT TO CANDIDACY MOTIVATED THEIR RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF POST. WE HAD ALSO
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OBTAINED FROM HIM ASSURANCES THAT CHAIR WOULD SCRUPULOUSLY

FOLLOW PARTICIPATION PROVISOS OF ECOSOC RES 1841 ON ANY QUESTION OF NEW ATTENDEES LIKELY TO BE SURFACED. THESE ASSURANCES MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR COSTA RICA AND OURSELVES TO ACQUIESCE TO CLEAR DESIRE OF PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR HERE TO WITHDRAW HIS CANDIDACY.

3. AFTER THE ELECTIONS USSR (NESTERENKO) MADE IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR PARTICIPATION OF PRG. THEREAFTER TANZANIA MADE APPEAL FOR PARTICIPATION OF ILLEGITIMATE REGIMES (INCLUDING KGR, SIHANOUK, AND NORTH KOREA). USDEL (ITCHEN) DID UNEMOTIONAL CHRONOLOGY OF NEGOTIATIONS AT 56TH SESSION ECOSOC AND MADE CLEAR ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT CONFERENCE ROSTER, AS EMBODIED IN REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WHICH RESTRICTED ACCREDITATION TO PARTICIPATION FORMULA IN 1841 CONSISTENT AND SYG HAD SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOWED THE LETTER, SPIRIT AND SENSE OF THE GA. THEREFORE IN THIS NON-POLITICAL FORUM IT WAS BOTH IMPROPER AND USELESS TO PURSUE POLITICAL DIATRIBE WHICH IN ANY CASE COULD RESULT IN NO CHANGE IN CONFERENCE ROSTER.

4. FIRST SESSION SUBSEQUENTLY ADJOURNED TO RECONVENE TOMORROW A.M. FOR ADOPTION OF REPORT. THUS QUESTION OF PRG ET AL APPEARS RESOLVED AT THIS MEETING. THERE MAY BE STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD IN PLENARY. APART FROM INSISTING THAT SUMMARY RECORDS BE BALANCED WE PROPOSE NO FURTHER ACTION.VOLPE

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